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For: METHODS FOR TREATING NEUROMUSCULAR )  
DISORDERS WITH BOTULINUM TOXIN )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

I. Introduction

This application is a continuation application of application serial number 08/075,048, filed June 10, 1993.

As shown by the attached pages 10-13: claims 1 and 4 have been amended, claims 5-10 have been cancelled and claims 11-19 have been added. The pending claims are therefore claims 1, 4 and 11-19.

II. The Claimed Invention

The claimed invention is a method for treating a neuromuscular disorder or condition by administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a botulinum toxin type B (all claims) after the patient has developed either a loss of clinical response to a botulinum toxin type A (claims 1, and 11-15) or has developed neutralizing antibodies to the type A toxin (claims 4, 11 and 16-19).